D.O.No.1943

Bangalore,
27th September 1940.

My dear Colonel Gordon,

Many thanks for your D.O. letter No.F.15-40/W. of September 24.

I am afraid it is not possible for us just now to find from the Mysore War Fund the balance of £17,500/- necessary to make up the minimum contribution required to be made for getting the aircraft designated after Mysore.

I understand that the Executive Committee of the Mysore War Fund hope to be able shortly to send a further contribution of Rs. 50,000 for aeroplanes and a sum of Rs.10000 or Rs.15,000 for the Lord Mayor's Fund for relief of distress. That, I think, is as far as the Executive Committee can be expected to go at present.

Yours sincerely,
Sd. Mirza M.Ismail.

The Hon'ble
Lieut.-Colonel J.H.Gordon, C.I.E., O.B.E., M.C
Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Second Member's orders.

We voted £ 5000/- for aeroplanes and £ 1000/- for the Lord Mayor of London's Fund for the relief of Air Raid victims, at our meeting on the 30th August.

K.V.A
2.10.40

1123/M

Subd.

No previous references relating to this receipt are not in the Legis Section.

M.
30-4-42

BVM
30/4

(War Section)

It has not been received in these branches. Returned to Legis Sections.

Sec
30/4.

Pro. Branch)

not received in the Protection Branch.

MM
30/4.
CPM

~~Legis Section~~
~~A.B.M.C. Sec.~~

A & T Br.)

It is received in the A & T Branch

MM
1/5

MM.
1/5/42

Legis Section) MMM.

1133/42
1128/42

Subd,

No previous receipt has not been received in the Regis Section. This receipt may be sent to the C.B, if approved,

2-5-42 War Section)

BVV 45

Reference No. FI-P.R.796/41-42.

Dated 30-4-42 from District Magistrate Nasik District in regard to the above is also sent herewith.

BVV. 45 War Section)

F. R. S. III—3]
R. A. & L. C.

Routine Notes.

1138/42
1120/42

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Submitted,

No previous references are not in received in the Legis Second Section. This may be sent to the Confidential Branch.

J.N.
2-5-42

BNS
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2-5-42
Confidential Branch)

The previous reference quoted in the Kaira Dist. Magte's letter of the 29th April 42 is not traceable in C.S. also.

A copy of it may perhaps be obtained from the D.C. [redacted]

Yes.
MKW
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Asst Secy. Legis with Compts)

As the paper relates to defence of India Rules, all action on this file may be taken in the War Section

Asst Secy War Sec)
4.5.42

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

1864/W. Spreading of false rumours by Mr. M. H. Maccai Branch Post Master Sankarapuri

General and Revenue Secretariat | W File No. 264 of 1940-1 | [App. F. III—2

Serial No.	
1	From The D. M. Kasaragod G.I. 796/41-42 dt 27th April 42 stating that the Supdt of Post offices has given written to him that Mr. Maccai will be relieved of his duties by the end of April.
2.	The D. M. Kasaragod G.I. 796/41-42 dt 30th April 42 requesting orders about the prosecution of Mr. Maccai under the Defence of India Rules.

The letter referred to as P VD I has not been received in the Secrett. But it is seen from the enclosure to P VD II that the letter and date of the letter, referred to as P VD I, tally with the one addressed to the Supdt of Post offices Mysore Division. Mysore.

In P VD II the D M Kasaragod refers to some instructions issued by the C.B viz the need for obtaining the opinion of the Law officers of Govt, prior to prosecution under the Defence of India Rules etc. He has sent the records for scrutiny by the Law Deptt and has requested orders viz the prosecution of Mr. Maccai. The C.B will be asked to look up the reference and the file will then be referred to the Law Section whether a case has been made out for prosecuting Mr. Maccai under the Defence of India Rules.

for Yr Ltr 15/5

Subs for perusal and orders.

C.B for kindly putting up the reply

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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5999 p&y

1881 W Prosecution of Mr. Mecca Branch Post master Salem

File No.: of 194 .

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial No. Fly X.

Subd with the connected papers (CB)

(PS 4/5)

Law Secretary may be consulted

Advised

for opinion

Law Secy 4/5

5/5/42

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Law - 226/41

5th May 1942.

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I have gone through the records, & I am of opinion that the evidence which may be produced before Court may not be sufficient to secure a conviction unless Agency & Judicial Records I am convinced that one or the Steam Agency may have stated that Vizag & Cocanada etc Combed, & that Madras & Bangalore also will be Combed At that time such a number was current in system. When numbers circulate they circulate in an unfavorable form. We may direct evidence against Mr Mecca is that of bearers Pais & Mrs. DeSouza

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How far they will stand the test of Cross-Examination in a Court of Law, is a factor to be taken into account, before ordering prosecution in this case. After all, the forest accused do not show that any clamour or fear worthy of notice was caused in the village, even if it is held that Mr Meccai in fact did say that Headquarters Bangalore is alleged to have been bombed. The only person who "panic-stricken" was the Sepoy of the Police. His action shows that he only wanted to verify the Watchman's statement that is the "panic-stricken".

I do not think that this is a fit case for launching a prosecution, even as a test case. A warning may be given to Mr Meccai, that such rumours should not be circulated. He has been sufficiently punished, as I said that he has been relieved from his duties from the end of April. This is too harsh a punishment, & he may be restored to his post, with a warning.

Law Secretary 3/5/42

'A'

I agree with 'A'

This is not a fit case for prosecution. The act committed by Mr Meccai may be a technical offence, even if true. But in a village, its effect

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1864/W Prosecution of Bellur Hareai under the Defence of India Rules for spreading false rumours about war activities

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particulars as he is said to have mentioned it to ~~anyone~~ one person may not be much. However I am of the view that no prosecution need be launched in this case. He may be restored to his place early.

Hm
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6/5/42

Chief Secretary

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6/5/42

After reading the records, I also feel like the Law Sec. that this was a very weak case and might not stand in a court of law. It is known that the accused, in trying to create panic, the post date information of his leaving for Delhi having seen the Post Master & spoken to him on the subject. If appears the D. Mag. also informed that there is not a fit case for prosecution

Law Secretary

7/5
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7/5/42

No better evidence can be got in such cases. I think it is best to prosecute the party.

I am surprised that the Asst Sec'y & the Law Sec'y think so lightly of the matter as to suggest restoration to office; let the Postal Dept

Hm
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Deny.

Nil 9/5/42

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1864/W 195/W Prosecution of Mr. Mecca under the Defence of India Rules.

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Serial No.	
3.	From The D. M. Karur q.1.P.R. 796 & 7" Ms. 42 Stating that Mr. Mecca has been released on his bail and requesting orders re: prosecution. Subd with a draft reply to the D M Karur for consideration by 11/5 ~~Approved~~
4.	Issued 2937/W & 12" Ms. 42 to the D M Karur

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Contn. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—23-10-41

1123/K W267-40-1

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

1864/11

Telegram / phone

OFFICE OF

The District Magistrate,

Kadur District,

Chikmagalur

No. J1.796/41-42.
Encls.

SECRET.

Date, Camp, Koppa 27th April 1942.

To

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,

Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Legis.
CHIEF SECRETARY.
Sir
30 APR. 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

Subject:- Action to be taken against Mr. M.H. Meccai, Sub Postmaster, Santaveri, under the Defence of India Act and Rules framed thereunder and his relief.

In continuation of this office letter of even number dated 22nd April 1942 on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division, Mysore, has since written to me in his letter NO. L-1/3 dated 26th April 1942 that Mr. M.H. Meccai, Sub Postmaster, Santaveri P.O., of this district will be relieved of his duties by the end of ~~the end~~ this month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE
KADUR DISTRICT.

1133/42

W 267-40-2.

D. C. 3]

In reply please refer to—
No. Jl-P.R. 796/41-42.

"SECRET"

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
KADUR DISTRICT.

Chikmagalur, dated 30th April 1942.

FROM

F. Srinivasan, Esquire., B.Sc.,
District Magistrate,
Kadur District.

To

Gulam Moniyuddin Lehkri, Esquire., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief *Secretary to the Government of His Highness*
the Maharaja of Mysore,
.....Department,
BANGALORE.

Dept.

CHIEF SECRETARY
2 MAY 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE

SIR,

Subject:- Spreading of false rumours by Mr.M.H.Meccai, Branch Post-Master, Santaveri.

In accordance with the instructions communicated in your letter No. 2820-28/C.B 12-41-169 dated 14th February 42 about the need for obtaining the opinion of the ~~said~~ Law offices of Government, prior to ordering prosecution in certain cases, I am submitting herewith the records of investigation received from the District Superintendent of Police Kadur District, Chickmagalur in the matter of spreading of false rumours by Mr.M.H.Meccai, Branch Post Master, Santaveri. I beg to state that I have issued a notice to Mr.M.H.Meccai to show cause why he should not be prosecuted under the provisions of the Defence of India Rules and at the same time a reference has also been made to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division, Mysore, requesting him to make immediate arrangements for the relief of Mr.M.H. Meccai of his official duties. Copies of the notice as well as the letter addressed to the Postal Superintendent, are herewith submitted for kind perusal.

I request the favour of early orders about the prosecution of the gentleman, which in my opinion, is necessary, as the alarming nature of the "News" disseminated by one in his position are likely to be believed in and would have a far-reaching effects.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

Copy ofletter No.J1-P.R.796/41-42 dated 22nd April 1942 from the District Magistrate,Kadur District, Chickmagalur to the Superintendent of Post Office,Mysore Division,Mysore.

In forwarding herewith for your information a copy of the notice issued from this office to Mr.M.H.Maccai,-ranch Post-Master,Banthaveri I have the honour to request that immediate necessary arrangements may be kindly made to relieve him (Mr.M.H.Meccai) of his duties as Branch post Master, as it is proposed to prosecute him under the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore.

Favour of immediate action under intimation to this office is requested.

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""COPY""

For District Magistrate,
Kadur District.

H.P.R. 2.

Copy of letter No.J1-P.R.796/41-42 dated 22nd April 1942 from the District Magistrate, Kadur District, Chickmagalur to Mr.M.H.Maccai, Branch Post-Master, Santaveri.

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Whereas a report has been made to me that you, on or about 10-4-1942 at Santaveri, disseminated false and baseless rumours regarding the present war condition to wit, that Bangalore and Madras Cities had been bombed and thereby caused fear or alarm to the public and committed an office under rule 34 (b) (g) read with Rule 38 of the Defenceof India Rules, you are hereby directed to show cause within seven days (from the date of service of this notice on you) why you should not be prosecuted under the provisions of the Defence of India Act and the rules framed thereunder, as applied to Mysore.

Sd/- &
"COPY"

S. Hiriyanna
For District Magistrate,
Kadur District.

H.P.R. 2.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegram / phone — Secret.

OFFICE OF The District Magistrate, Kadur District, Chickmagalur.

No. J1-P.R.796/41-42.
Encls.

Date 7th May 1942.

To

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esquire., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject:- Spreading of false rumours by Mr.M.H.Meccai.

In continuation of this office letter of even number dated 30th April 1942 submitting for orders the enquiry records on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the notice issued to Mr.M.H. Meccai has been served through the Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysore Division, Mysore, who has also informed me that the Branch Post Master has been relieved of his official duties. Mr.M.H.Meccai, in response to the notice issued by this office to show cause why he should not be prosecuted, appeared before me and has denied the allegation.

I beg, therefore, to request that early orders of Government may be kindly obtained and sent to me for taking further proceedings in the matter.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate,
Kadur District,
Absent from Headquarters.

U.P.R. 3.

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT.....

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Section War

File No. 264-40

Serial No. 4.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

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No. 2939/W.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To The D. M. Kanara

Spreading of false rumours by Mr. M. H. Meccai

Date of issue 12.5.42

Sir,

Signed by Mr. S.K.V.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter no. J.I. P.A. 796/41-42 dated 7th May 42 on the above subject I am directed to convey the approval of Govt to the prosecution of Mr. Meccai under the provisions of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore. The records received with your letter are herewith returned.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by .....

Examined by.....

for Chief Secretary to Govt.

PER REGISTERED POST.

SECRET.

12th May 1942.

2939/W

1 Encs records.

The District Magistrate,
Kadur.

Spreading of false rumours by Mr.M.H.Meccai.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.J.1.P.R.796/41-42 dated the 7th May 1942 on the above subject, I am directed to convey the approval of Government to the prosecution of Mr. Meccai under the provisions of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore.

The records received with your letter are herewith returned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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For Chief Secretary to Government.